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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CIA

SUBJECT: PROBABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN SYLVANIA AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Located as it is on the southeast border of Poictesme and to the northeast of Audela, Sylvania probably is of latent importance to the US, particularly in view of its escident-oriented Gevernment. So long as its present Chanceller, Cmar Lea (J. J. O'Melley), retains his post and continues to keep the present Leprechaun-Kebold cealition from disintegrating, there is little danger that the ERT will become insert, unless, of course, McSneyd, the leftist Leprechaun leader, succeeds in taking his faction out of the coalition, which he is reportedly attempting to do. The real problem that Lea (O'Melley) faces, however, is one of oil. And it is precisely on that that he may slip. Without substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) between new and the elections scheduled for 30 February, the Such an event would likely have far-reaching consequences. (See CIA 7-69A, 31 April 1947)

The return of de Trop might result immediately in: (1) the outlawing of the Gnomes who could probably be expected to: (a) ge underground at once; (b) make preparations for clandestine cleaginous drainage; and/or (c) create a situation in the Gnome-dominated SLP which could lead to strikes, disorders, and even civil war; (2) the termination of Sylvanian participation in the Fairy bloc in favor of the Peltergeist cearial; and (3) a definitely intransigent attitude on the continuation of US agencies in Lower Slobovia (Foggy Bottom); or all three. In addition, Sylvanian efforts to perfect the O'Halley (Lea) method of atomic fission by means of a croquet mallet (See ORE Wet Run, 14 February 1947, item 1) would probably be intensified.

If, on the other hand, de Trop did not return to power and if substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) were not made available a different solution might be anticipated. The situation between now and the elections (scheduled for 30 February) could deteriorate rapidly and probably would result in the Gnomes' taking control by quasi-legal, psuede-legal, and para-legal means. Such an event would cause extensive repercussions and have a deteriorating effect on the economy of Sylvania and indirectly on that of the US. (See CIA 7-69B, 1 Barch 1947)

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Should de Trop not return to power, and should substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) be made available, the Lea (O'Malley) coalition regime may likely continue. From information reaching CIA from controlled, uncontrolled, and semi-controlled sources, it appears that the elections (scheduled for 30 February) conceivably might result in the mederate contrist Leprechaun-Kebold combination securing approximately 39% percent of the votes, the leftist Gnomes securing approximately 37% percent, the strongly rightist Gremlin group may be expected to pell its usual 13 3/k percent, all factors being equal, and the remaining votes will undoubtedly go to the Shee, petentially the most pewerful of the Little People but new fallen on evil days.

The Sylvanian charges ledged at the UN against the US in respect to the matter of oil will probably not be pressed by Lea (O'Malley), if he is still Chanceller, at the next session of the UNGA. These charges, it is believed, were initiated solely for demestic political reasons to demonstrate that however much present conditions in Sylvania may require substantial US interim aid (estimated at approximately \$502) before the complete implementation and fruition of the ERT, the Government of Sylvania stands on its own bettom (a feat of legerdemain), and thus confute Onome-inspired charges that Lea (O'Malley) and his colleagues are tools of mimperialist-Pascist-oppressors (the US).

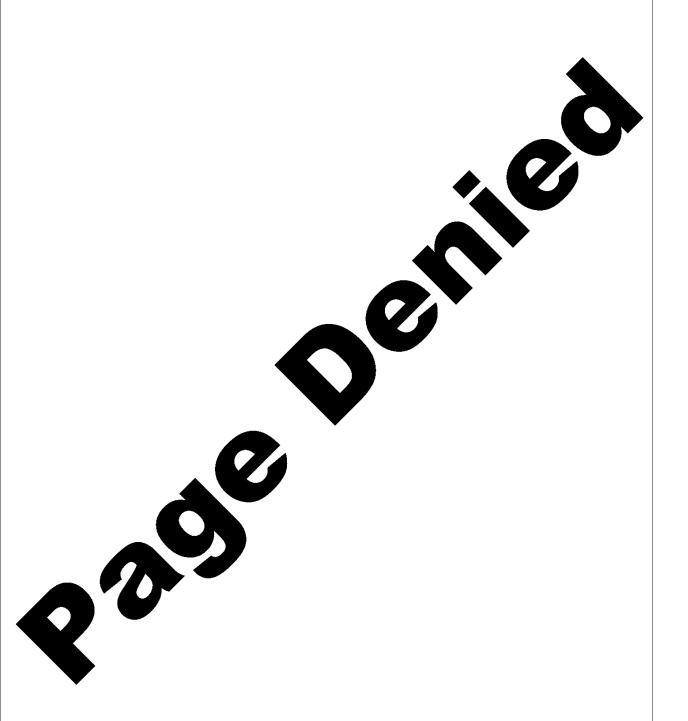
While the armed forces of Sylvania are believed loyal and have the capacity to withstand, at least for approximately two weeks, six days, and eighteen hours, any Onome-inspired uprising, unless the Onomes receive material assistance from Audela, the nation is in no condition, because of its deteriorated economy and obsolescent equipment, to sustain a major war for more than six and a half minutes. (See CIA 8-76 S, "Arma virunque cano", 12 June 1948)

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